

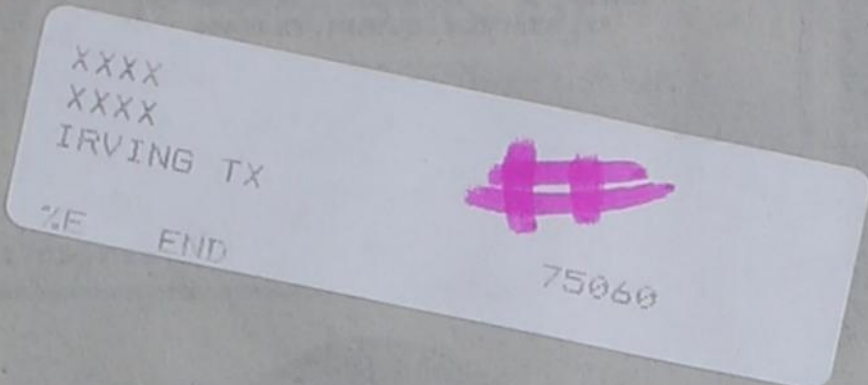
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Merry Christmas

GORMAN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH will be having a Christmas Eve Candle light service on December 24th at 6:00pm. This service is open to everyone in the community. We will sing carols and tell the Christmas story.

GLRA Issues Big Thanks

The Gorman Livestock Raisers would like to thank all who donated time, energy, money, and merchandise towards our local stockshow. We would like to extend a very special thank you to Gorman Milling for the very generous gift certificate, thanks to Golden Oak for the donation of feed tubs, to Daryl and Cecilia Hirst who donated their time and lots of hard work to cook and serve a wonderful breakfast and who chopped all of our bar b q for our concession. To all of our grandparents, families and friends who donated money to help pay for the remaining awards, thanks so much.

Our families really all made a great effort this year to make our show a good success. Most everyone worked really hard at making sure our concession stand was manned at all times, and then the dreaded clean up was covered too. Thanks in advance to Mrs. Gena for being understanding if we forgot to clean something.

We want our grandparents, families, extended families, and friends to know how much we appreciate your support in each of our endeavors. We sincerely appreciate all of you who continue to lend support and aid. Thanks again for making our 2010 Local Project Show such a success. God Bless and have a very Merry Christmas!

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who played a part in making our annual Gorman Project Show run so smooth and be such a success. Thanks to our families, friends, extended families, and businesses who donated time and merchandise.

From the bottom of my heart, thanks so much to the kids and their families for the very generous gift cards and Christmas card. Your thoughtfulness meant so much to me. I'm very proud of the effort you guys put forth. Let's all continue to work together and work hard and get ready for the county show! Thanks again to all who helped us in anyway, please know you are appreciated.

Mr. Boles



From

*Lonnie and Debra Bennett -- Joe Bennett
And Correspondents*

Results of Local Stock Show and Photos will be in next weeks issue of the Gorman Progress



On December 1st the Gorman 4-H participated in a Community Service project. The club members helped make pillow cases and then distributed them to the residents of Homestead Nursing and Rehab of Gorman. They sang carols and met with several residents. Club members were greeted with lots of smiles, cookies and punch. A wonderful time was had by all...A Big THANK YOU goes out to all who were involved.

Fourth Monday's Gathering Canceled To Meet Again on January 24th

Since the 4th Monday is the so soon after Christmas and many of us will still have family or will be traveling, it was decided to cancel December's gathering and meet again in January. Mark your calendar for January 24, 2011, 6:30 pm, at Leon River Cowboy Church. There will be several pilgrims just returning from their Walk #362 (Jan. 20-23) at Brownwood and many workers from the same walk that we hope will attend and share with us about their experience.

Wishing you and your family a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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County Judge Rex Fields Honored

Eastland County Judge Rex Fields has been honored by the Texas Judicial Academy for going the extra mile to be prepared to handle his duties as county judge.

Judge Fields was inducted as a Fellow in the Texas Judicial Academy on November 18, 2010 at a reception in Austin, Doubletree Hotel, during the 2010 Fall Judicial Education Session.

The Academy, a partnership between the Texas Tech University School of Law and the Texas Association of Counties, named as Fellows each year those judges who attain significant judicial education above that required by state law.

The educational program of the Texas Judicial Academy is overseen by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and includes instruction by higher court judges, law school faculty as well as representatives of the Texas Probate College and the National Judicial College.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

4-H - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 -4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A. M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Cecil Funderburgh, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

**Food Bank
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Second Thursday**

Boy Scouts

Meeting Weekly
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Methodist Church

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19th FROM 9 TIL NOON.

Obituaries

Gladys Juanita Vinson

Gladys Juanita Vinson, age 77 of Ranger went to be with her Lord on Saturday, December 18, 2010 at a Fort Worth hospital.



Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Gorman with John Casey officiating. Burial was in Oliver Springs Cemetery.

Mrs. Vinson was born February 6, 1933 in Comanche County near Gorman to Henry Ellis Procter and Gladys Vaughn Wilson Procter. She was a licensed vocational nurse and worked in home health care. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by two sons, Bobby Vaughan and wife, Gale of Plano and Dean Vaughan and wife, Debbie of Weatherford; one daughter, Sarah Hare of Ranger; grandsons, Robert Vaughan and wife, Sonia, Jeremy Vaughan and wife, Jill, Russell Vaughan and Ryan Vaughan and wife, Rachel, Jason Vaughan, Derick Carter and granddaughter, Summer Boyd; step-daughter, Rita Munoz; two brothers, Ross Procter and wife, Esther and Ralph Procter and wife Kay; sister-in-law, Senada Procter; several great grandchildren, aunts and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Henry Elmer Procter and one son, James Earl Vaughan.

James Samuel Ryon

James Samuel Ryon age 72 passed away Thursday, December 16, 2010 at his home in Desdemona.

Services were at 2:00 P. M. Sunday, December 19, 2010 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was in Howard Cemetery.

James was born April 12, 1938 in Gorman, Texas to John William Ryon and Della Jane Moore Ryon. He married Dorothy Joyner on February 7, 1959. She preceded him in death on March 27, 1984. James was a retired farmer and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Ralph Ryon and Rod Ryon both of Desdemona; four grandchildren, Eric Ryon, Josh Ryon, Zac Ryon and Ronni Ryon all of Desdemona. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Roma Jewel Hood

Roma Jewel Hood, age 85 of Gorman, died Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at the Wisteria Place in Abilene.

Services was at 2:00 P. M. Friday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Richard Watson and Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Roma Jewel was born October 12, 1925 in the Oliver Springs Community in Comanche County to Roy Edward Parker and Jewel Elizabeth Atchison Parker. She married George H. Porter on April 13, 1946 in Comanche County. He preceded her in death in October 1955. She later married Ernest Hood in April 1969 in Eastland County. He preceded her in death in 1994. She was a retired sales clerk, homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Don Porter and wife, Wendy of Eastland; two daughters, Margaret Hoover and husband, Ron of Abilene and Michaelyn Clark and husband, Tommy of Gorman; one stepson, Milton Hood of the metroplex; twelve grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, George David Porter, brother, Roy Bob Parker and a stepson, Luther Monroe "Monty" Hood.

All About The Economy

By Henry A. Buchanan

Doing The Right Thing for the Wrong Reason

Lt. Col. Terrence Lakin has done the right thing for the wrong reason. He has refused to report for duty in Afghanistan because he believes President Barack Obama is not a native born American. The truth is American military men should not be in Afghanistan. The thirty thousand reinforcements Obama sent should have refused to go, and the ore than fifty thousand already there should demand to be sent home.

But the Lt. Colonel, a medical doctor may get 18 months in the hoosegow the whole American army will stay in Afghanistan until we suffer humiliating defeat, and American at home will declare every veteran a hero.

The issue is not where Obama was born, but where he is leading America.

So I hope somebody will soon get the right message to our President: We can do something about the out-of-control budget if we stop the war that is making the top two percent richer while it's making paupers out of the rest of us.

Make PEACE Mister President, wherever you were born, and the Prince of Peace will be born again in the hearts of our people, at this Christmas time.

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Near Gorman, 60 A m/l, 2-1 frame farmhouse, new windows/front door, new metal roof, 2 ponds, fenced, some Coastal, partly wooded, small barn/corral, water well, 2 car carport/storage. \$215,000

S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.

100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.

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"On The Wilder Side"

A story is told of a little boy who would sit in his grandmother's lap and look up at her as she worked on her needlepoint. After a while the boy noticed that the more she worked the uglier the bottom of her needlepoint became. It wasn't until she was finished with it that the boy looked at the top of her work and saw that she had created a beautiful garden.

Are there times in your life when you just can't understand what's going on and why life seems so tough. We get bombarded with sickness, loss of loved ones, relationship problems, family feuds, financial worries, school troubles and the list goes on and on. It can often seem as though "life" is a never ending uphill climb. I wonder if we are often like this little boy and can only see the messes in our lives because we are looking up from the bottom.

I'm reminded of what God told Job when he was looking at the ugliness of his own life. "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone- while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt?' (Job 38:4-11)

I know it's hard to realize now, but God is preparing something beautiful for us, but we have to be patient until we can see our lives with a view from the top.

Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) - Jason Wilder
Gorman Church of Christ

Gorman Church of Christ Meeting Times

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Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00
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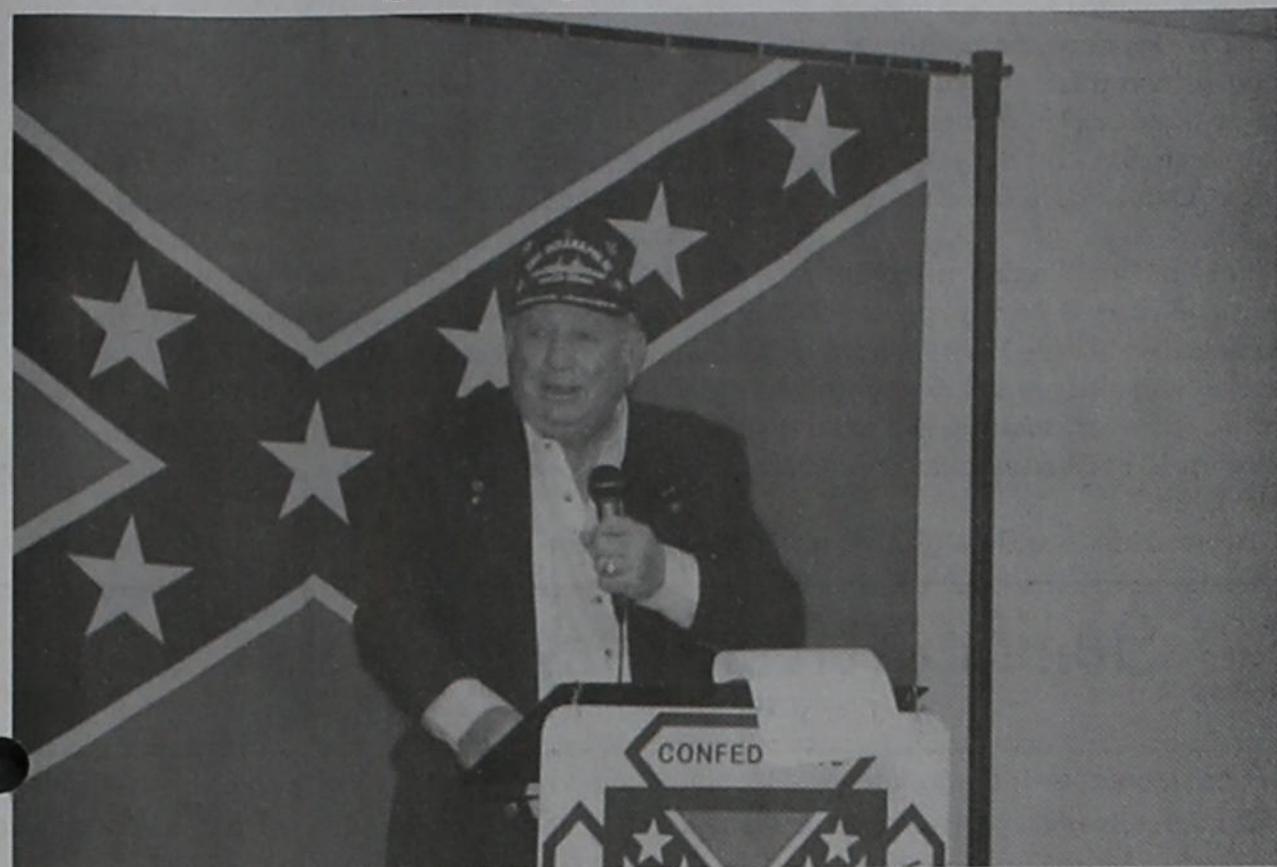
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Annual Confederate Christmas Ball Held At Highway 6 Cafe Recently



D.L. Cox, United States Naval Veteran of WWII, was the speaker for the annual Christmas Ball held at Highway 6 Cafe in DeLeon recently. Mr. Cox survived the torpedoed ship, Indianapolis four days before the way ended. He was in the salt water, covered with spilled oil, for 4 days and 5 nights before being rescued. He lost many of his buddies to shark attacks as he floated there with only a life preserver.

Mr. Cox is a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and received a Military Service Award from Thomas Harrison, commander of the 2nd Frontier District Sons of Confederate Veterans. Others receiving awards included Betty Leatherwood, Ladies Achievement Medal, the highest award to a lady that the SCV bestows; Stone Mountain Award was presented to SCV members, Ronnie Jennings and to Frank Bussey for their outstanding dedication and service to the SCV, OCR, and UDC activities.

In other activities Confederate bills were presented to Joyce Whitis, President of the Major George B. Erath UDC as best dressed lady; Cliff Weible, best dressed male; and Sharon and Cliff Weible, best dressed couple.



Frank Bussey of Gorman receives Stone Mountain Award from Sheran Weible for outstanding service to the SCV.



Becky and Frank Bussey of Gorman at the Christmas Ball in DeLeon.

Gorman City Minutes

Unapproved

DECEMBER 2, 2010

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Durward Webb, Nathan Files, Joe Casey, and David Stanley. Others present were Chief Fenley, Glenn Scitern, Cliffa Vaughn, and Jill Rainey.

Joe led the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:30 p.m.

David made the motion to approve the minutes, with one correction adding motion carried 4-0 on the motion to adjourn from Executive Session. Durward made a second, motion carried 4-0.

After looking over the bills, Joe made the motion to approve for payment with a second from Nathan. Motion carried 4-0.

Cliffa was present under Citizens In Put. She would like to have a meeting with the Building and Standards Commission as soon as possible.

Reports were submitted from department heads. Barbara clarified that her police report and the judges report would not reflect the same information. Joe brought up some questions about one of the daily log records. It was decided that the police daily logs would reflect dates with shift times on them, and a description of the events during that shift. (EX; ran traffic, patrolled. Checked doors, answered call, etc.)

The commission wants the city crew to grease caps on all of the fire hydrants. Locations were noted for the next fire hydrant replacements.

Robert reported that he had faxed a copy of the tower inspection to the company currently here working on the ground storage tank.

Upper Leon is working on the master meter.

Glenn reported that seven dogs had been picked up during the last week. Glenn reported the sewer machine had been repaired and records were being kept on all vehicle maintenance.

At 6:20 p.m. Nathan made the motion to go into Executive Session with second from Durward. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:35 David made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Open Session. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

For the time, City phones would remain as they are.

Nathan made the motion for the Christmas Holiday the City would close Thursday Dec. 23 and Friday Dec. 24, and Dec. 31 for New Years, and bonuses would be the same as last year and there will be no Christmas Party this year. David made a second, motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business for discussion David made the motion to adjourn with a

HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

By Ina Smith

WOW! What a great week we had at Homestead Nursing and Rehab. Everyone has been so excited about the holidays.

To get ready for our season, Lavern Carr has decorated the perfect tree and helping Laverne was Cecilia Hurst. Thank you so much ladies.

We also want to wish Ina Smith good luck with her future endeavors. Receiving her resignation after 18 years of service. You will be truly missed. Enjoy those retirement years Ina.

During the week, Dear Santa letters were written by residents. Everyone has finally loosened up from the morning exercise we have after breakfast. Bingo of course is always a great success.

Amy Wood brought her wonderful Birthday cake for our resident's birthday party.

The ladies of the Dorcas Club revamped our wreaths into works of art and brought gifts for each resident. We want to thank all the great people of Gorman who have given their time to make our residents holiday a little brighter.

The First Baptist Church Youth brother in the Christmas Store, Elementary children caroling up and down the halls and visits from the 4-H group, and The First Baptist Youth. It is always great for the youth to be involved with us.

Wednesday morning singing is led by Brent Lasater and pastor with Bible Study.



Thursday we had our Christmas Party and who other to be the center of attention, but Santa's Elves have been really busy. Most of the items listed on the Santa letters were received. Santa brought Housecoats, Jackets, Pant Suits, Scarves and Pillows. A Holy Bible ask for by Robin Taylor was even received. A big thank you to Tim Thomas of Fort Worth for arranging the visit from Santa Claus, for our residents and the children of the community.

We would like to encourage everyone to sign our guest book when visiting, which is located in the front lobby.

Great things are still to come at Homestead, Keep your eyes and ears open.

Until next week, Be Safe.

The Staff and Residents of Homestead Nursing and Rehab

Surprise Reception Held Thursday, December 16

At a "surprise" reception held Thursday, Dec. 16th, in the courtroom of the 91st District Court, Bailiff Gerald R. Cozart was recognized for 14 years of dedicated and exceptional service to the court and to the citizens of the state of Texas and of Eastland County. Mr. Cozart will complete his 14th year as a courtroom bailiff for the 91st Judicial District Court on December 31, 2010. He has announced his intention to retire at the end of the year.

Mr. Cozart began his employment with the court on January 1, 1997. Prior to beginning his employment with the county Mr. Cozart worked as a law enforcement officer and had worked at the Eastland County Dispatch. Cozart, a native to this area, moved back to the county from El Paso after retiring from a successful and distinguished career in the United States Army.

At the reception held on the 16th, Cozart was presented a plaque from his colleagues who work with him at the court. In presenting this plaque to him, Judge Steven Herod thanked Gerald for going above and beyond the call of duty - Doing all of the ordinary jobs that bailiffs do both in and out of the courtroom such as courtroom security, assisting juries, and transporting people to and from jail, as well as a few "not so ordinary" jobs that included carpentry around the courtroom and court's offices and assistance to other courts and offices.



Bailiff Gerald Cozart and District Judge Steven Herod



(left to right) - County Judge Rex Fields, Chief Justice Jim Wright, Bailiff Gerald Cozart and District Judge Steven Herod.

Chief Justice Jim Wright of the 11th Court of Appeals also recognized Cozart at the reception and read an official proclamation that had been entered by the court of appeals recognizing Cozart's service to that court and to the citizens of this nation, state, and county. (The courtrooms of the 91st District Court and the 11th Court of Appeals are both located on the 3rd floor of the Eastland County Courthouse).

Cozart will be missed by his friends at the 91st District Court who want to publicly express their appreciation to him for his hard work and service and to wish him well in his retirement.

Statement from Agriculture Secretary Vilsack on President Obama Signing the Middle Class Cut Tax Package

Bipartisan Law Has Significant Provisions for America's Farmer and Ranch Families, People Who Live in Rural America

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today issued the following statement on the package of tax provisions being signed into law by President Obama:

"The bipartisan vote on middle-class tax cuts is a major victory for America's families, businesses, farmers and ranchers, and for our nation's economic recovery. Members of both parties came together to get this done and now middle-class families in rural America and throughout the country no longer have to worry about a massive tax hike next year. As President Obama signs this important legislation, he is bolstering efforts underway to rebuild and revitalize rural America and promoting job creation in rural communities.

"The tax packages signed today by President Obama will reauthorize ethanol tax credits and reinstate the biodiesel tax credit, which will help bolster efforts to transition our country to a clean energy economy. Ethanol and biodiesel production is critical to continuing the growth of our domestic fuel industry that is reducing our dependence on foreign oil while creating green jobs from renewable sources and adding opportunities for people in rural communities throughout the country.

"The tax package will also extend tax incentives through 2011 for farmers, ranchers and forest owners who voluntarily conserve their lands through donation of a conservation easement. Providing this tax incentive will increase conservation of our working lands and, in so doing, support our rural economy. As part of the President's America's Great Outdoors Initiative, USDA, the Department of Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Council on Environmental Quality held listening sessions across the country to hear Americans ideas on what we could do to advance conservation in this country. Providing tax incentives for working lands conservation was one of the ideas that we heard repeatedly from landowners and conservationists during those listening sessions. I am pleased that the bill the President is signing today provides these incentives and I know America's farmers, ranchers and forest owners will respond positively."

West Texas Rehabilitation Center

Jackpot Show

December 11, 2010

LAMBS:

- Crossbred Champion:** Alyssa Flanagan – Ballinger, TX
Breeder: Fred Chandler – Ozona, TX
- Crossbred Reserve Champion:** James Brady – Lubbock, TX
Breeder: Richard Smith – Hermleigh, TX
- Finewool Champion:** Tom Spikes – Aspermont, TX
Breeder: Billy Reagor – Ozona, TX
- Finewool Reserve Champion:** Cooper Switzer – Ballinger, TX
Breeder: Switzer Club Lambs – Ballinger, TX
- Medium Wool Champion:** Aaricka Thomas – Eden, TX
Breeder: Richard Smith – Hermleigh, TX
- Medium Wool Reserve Champion:** T. J. Warren – Gorman, TX
Breeder: Mark & Jody Clem – Rockin' C Farm – Wilson, TX
- Southdown Champion:** Tom Spikes – Aspermont, TX
Breeder: Zane Bauer – Llano, TX
- Southdown Reserve Champion:** Madison Warren – Gorman, TX
Breeder: Scott & Mylea Flanagan – Ballinger, TX
- Hair Sheep Champion:** Madison Warren – Gorman, TX
Breeder: Cecil & Stella Book – Miles, TX
- Hair Sheep Reserve Champion:** Tom Spikes – Aspermont, TX
Breeder: Billy Higgins – Eldorado, TX
- Grand Champion Lamb:** Aaricka Thomas – Eden, TX
Breeder: Richard Smith – Hermleigh, TX
- Reserve Grand Champion Lamb:** Tom Spikes – Aspermont, TX
Breeder: Billy Reagor – Ozona, TX
- Junior Showman:** Madison Warren – Gorman, TX
- Senior Showman:** Kaysi Dean – Clyde, TX
- PeeWee Showman:** Talyn Eaton – Ovalo, TX

This Jackpot Show was sponsored by: SureFed Feeds, Moorman Feed, Big Country Goat Breeders Association, Roscoe State Bank, Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA – Coleman, Jackson Brothers Feed & Seed, Luskey's-Ryon's Western Store, Nelson Farm & Ranch and The Monogrammer.

These sponsors allowed each exhibitor to receive prize money & other prizes, breed champion belt buckles & breeder belt buckles.

Special thanks to the Lamb Show Judge – Russell Kott of Junction, Goat Show Judge – Steve Sturtz of San Angelo and to the Pig Show Judge – Jacob Lange of Miles.

Timothy Robinett named to Dean's List at LETU in Longview, Texas

Timothy Robinett of De Leon, Texas, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester. The Dean's List recognizes students who have achieved a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99 for the semester.

LeTourneau University Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Robert W. Hudson said being named to the Dean's List is a significant academic achievement and honor.

LeTourneau University also offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs online and across Texas in Austin, Bedford, Dallas, Houston and Tyler. Additional information about LETU may be found online at, www.letu.edu, or by calling (903) 233-3000.

Happenings At FBC!!

Son! God's only perfect Son was born into this world to be our Savior. It's time to focus on Christ and the awesome gift of His birth. May your belief in Him and commitment to His service be renewed in the power of the Holy Spirit. Merry CHRISTmas!

Mark your calendars:

- Dec. 22nd – 6:30pm** – Candle Light Service.
- Dec. 25th** – Christmas Day – Merry CHRISTmas!!!
- Dec. 31st – 8:00pm** - New Year's Eve Singing at New Hope.
- WEDNESDAYS:** Come join us for fun learning about Jesus – TEAMKIDS at 6:00pm, MISSION FRIENDS at 6:00pm, and YOUTH at 6:30pm.

Children's Sermon: It's exciting to find out that a baby is going to be born; and while waiting parents send out birth announcements to share the news. God put a special star in the sky to lead the wise men to a place. An Angel of the Lord came to tell that Baby Jesus, our Savior, would be born. We must keep telling the story of Jesus' birth, and tell of His coming again. Love our children and teach them to speak the truth of the Word, and share Jesus!

Bro. Barry's Message: "Glory" – Daniel 10:4-6 - What do you imagine in your mind when you think about what Jesus looked like as a man? There are thousands and thousands of "artist rendering" pictures of Jesus. Many pictures depict Jesus as an extraordinarily handsome man, yet the Bible says that He was common and ordinary looking. Jesus did not walk around with a halo over His head. However, His brilliance with history and scripture at the age of twelve was remarkable.

His gentleness with lambs and people was notable. There is one particular painting of Jesus holding a lamb in one arm while reaching down with the other hand to touch a "black sheep". There are many families that refer to one member as the "black sheep of the family". It does not matter to Jesus; we all are of equal importance to Him.

Why is it that there are not thousands of "artist rendering" picture of Muhammad, the founder of Islam? The Qur'an does not explicitly forbid images of Muhammad, but there are a few hadith (supplemental teachings) which have explicitly prohibited Muslims from creating the visual depictions of figures under any circumstances. Could it possibly be because Muhammad is dead and didn't do for others?

In Daniel's inspired writing, he sees the Glory of God. We are living in a specific moment in time, and we must seek the Glory of God. We can be glorified in Jesus, yet we are so unglorified at times.

There are hardships everywhere, and in every life. We have Church to support one another and reach out to others for Christ.

When You See the Glory of Jesus:

- I. Be Overwhelmed by PEACE! – Feel glorious!
- II. Be Encouraged. – You are not alone; be uplifted by your support group in our Church Family.
- III. Be Strong. – Draw strength from God and your Christian friends.

Life renders wrinkles and lines on your forehead; in death the lines go away as does the pain. However, if you don't live with a smile you won't die with a smile.

Ask Jesus, "Lord, what do you see in me?" Ask yourself, "How do I impact life itself?"

Jesus is the only one whom can return your strength; may you seek to find it in Jesus' name!

If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior please call Bro. Barry, ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray with you, just call (254) 734-2420.

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings, please come and join us! 1X100

Remember: God loves you like no one else!

Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be canceled for December due to the busy "Holiday Season". These musicals will start back again on Saturday, January 22, 2011. All area musicians and singers are invited to attend.

During this busy "Holiday Season" take time out to remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers.

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues with good attendance each Sunday. Lighters of the Advent Candle on Sunday (12th) was Lorin and Ismael with Brittany leading the Congregation in responsive reading. Jordan did light the Advent Candle on Sunday (19th) with Tanner leading the congregation in responsive reading. To begin each Sunday morning worship hour, Bro. Charlie Johnson has "Special" time with the young children before they return to a Classroom for Bible Study. "Candlelight Ceremony" will be held on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery of Desdemona will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, December 23rd with family and friends. Bro. H. D. Martin, pastor of First Baptist Church read the marriage vows at the Church parsonage. Pug thinks he deserves a "Purple Heart" - says he has been wounded several times.

Friends of Desdemona send sincere sympathy to the family of James Ryon. Burial was on Sunday in Howard Cemetery north of Desdemona. Survivors include two sons, Ralph Ryon and Rod Ryon both of Desdemona; four grandchildren, Eric, Josh, Zac and Ronni all of Desdemona. Preceded in death by his parents, John and Della (Moore) Ryon and his wife, Dorothy (Joyner) Ryon.

"Merry Christmas" to our friends and neighbors from Pug and Vonnie Guthery.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Our Christmas dinner on December 18th was attended by nineteen people. I had hoped for more, but we enjoyed a great time. Everyone outdid their selves on preparing their dishes. Our table was pretty and gay with all the different colors. Our thanks to Wilburn Overstreet giving the blessing for all. Hope he is better after suffering a bad cold.

The meal was a smorgasbord of finger food. We enjoyed pinwheels made with tortillas, cream cheese and veggies. Beth Shirley brought corny dogs and deviled eggs. We sort of charred the dogs on one side but good anyway. HA! Sandy Warren made us pigs in a blanket, tasty. Plus a sock it to me cake. Also Ham sandwiches, summer sausage, ham and cheese plates, relish tray, stuffed celery, deviled eggs, chips and dips. Our desserts were a orange and pineapple pie by Billie Bennett, carrot cake, grapes, Christmas cookies, ice pretzels that Crystal Conway from Integra Care brought for us. I also bough some iced wreaths and trees that were their party favors. Ellen Parker and Daisy Slaton made deviled eggs. So we had plenty. Thanks to all who helped make our dinner a success. Especially my helpers Jerry Underwood and Ailene Garrett.

Our tax/assessor Sandra Cagle was with us, always good to see her. She gets to have a good meal and visit with Uncle Wilburn Overstreet. I must remember next month to get my license.

We missed Estelle Lindley as she was having check ups at Scott and White. Also Ima Brown, what happened? Thought you would be here. Jackie Burns and Betty Frasier went shopping and got held up in lines. We missed all.

It was good to see and visit with Ellen Parker, Sandy Warren, Ruthie Porter and Lil Brudnak. They had missed being with us for awhile. It was good to have Deborah Jackson here with Ruthie. She helps her, plus me, with some of the heavy work. Jackie Burns helped carry out for us, thanks a lot. By the end of two hours I'm dragging. Jackie came to play dominoes, but missed our good meal.

My daughter Becky Swanner, granddaughter, Alaina and I viewed the display of lights at Bill Mears home. How beautiful, I'd never seen anything like it. They dance to a station on your radio to Christmas music. The show is ever fifteen minutes. Everyone needs to go see this! Thanks to Bill for giving this gift to our community.

My family and I loaded up for Goldthwaite on Sunday the 19th. Kendra and Holly Wright were having Birthday celebrations for Adrian, Holly's son and Keifer Wilson, her brother. They had a large crowd and lots of good eats. Little Adrian turned three and Keifer eighteen. He was sad at losing the state title, but what a job they all did as a team! This was his last year to play.

Hope all have a great holiday and enjoy the true meaning. We will come back on the 5th of January. See you next year. Carol

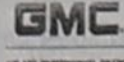
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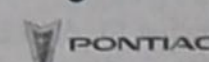
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